

Advent Chorale of Western New York

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Cristen Gregory, *Soprano* • Faith Baer, *Mezzo-Soprano* • Jeffrey Thompson, *Tenor* • Nicholas Kilkenny, *Bass-Baritone*

Friday, December 5, 2025 – Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Orchard Park, NY

Saturday, December 6, 2025 – Baker Memorial United Methodist Church, East Aurora, NY

Handel's *Messiah* – 44th Season

Program

Orchestra #’s	Chorale #’s			
	1.	Sinfonia		Orchestra
1.	2.	Recitative	Comfort ye my people	Mr. Thompson
2.	3.	Air	Every valley shall be exalted	Mr. Thompson
3.	4.	Chorus	And the glory of the Lord	Chorale
4.	5.	Recitative	Thus saith the Lord	Mr. Kilkenny
5.	6.	Air	But who may abide the day of His coming?	Mr. Kilkenny
6.	7.	Chorus	And He shall purify	Chorale
7.	8.	Recitative	Behold, a virgin shall conceive	Ms. Baer
8 & 9.	9.	Air & Chorus	O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion	Ms. Baer & Chorale
12.	12.	Chorus	For unto us a Child is born	Chorale
13.	13.	Pifa	Pastoral Symphony	Orchestra
14.	14.	Recitative	There were shepherds abiding, in the field	Ms. Gregory
		Recitative	And lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them	Ms. Gregory
	15.	Recitative	And the angel said unto them	Ms. Gregory
	16.	Recitative	And suddenly there was with the angel	Ms. Gregory
15.	17.	Chorus	Glory to God	Chorale
16.	18.	Air	Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion	Ms. Gregory
17a.	19.	Recitative	Then shall the eyes of the blind be open’d	Ms. Baer
18a	20.	Air	He shall feed His flock like a shepherd	Ms. Baer & Ms. Gregory
19.	21.	Chorus	His yoke is easy, and His burthen is light	Chorale
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20.	22.	Chorus	Behold the Lamb of God	Chorale
21.	23.	Air	He was despised	Ms. Baer
22.	24.	Chorus	Surely He hath borne our griefs	Chorale
24.	26.	Chorus	All we like sheep have gone astray	Chorale
25.	27.	Recitative	All they that see Him, laugh Him to scorn	Mr. Thompson
26.	28.	Chorus	He trusted in God that He would deliver Him	Chorale
29.	31.	Recitative	He was cut off out of the land of the living	Mr. Thompson
30.	32.	Air	But thou didst not leave His soul in hell	Mr. Thompson
31.	33.	Chorus	Lift up your heads, O ye gates	Chorale
32.	34.	Recitative	Unto which of the angels said He	Mr. Thompson
33.	35.	Chorus	Let all the angels of God worship Him	Chorale
36.	38.	Air	How beautiful are the feet of them	Ms. Gregory
37.	39.	Chorus	Their sound is gone out into all lands	Chorale
38.	40.	Air	Why do the nations so furiously rage together?	Mr. Kilkenny
39.	41.	Chorus	Let us break their bonds asunder	Chorale
40.	42.	Recitative	He that dwelleth in heaven	Mr. Thompson
41.	43.	Air	Thou shalt break them	Mr. Thompson
42.	44.	Chorus	Hallelujah!	Chorale
43.	45.	Air	I know that my Redeemer liveth	Ms. Gregory
44.	46.	Chorus	Since by man came death	Chorale
45.	47.	Recitative	Behold, I tell you a mystery	Mr. Kilkenny
46.	48.	Air	The trumpet shall sound	Mr. Kilkenny
51.	53.	Chorus	Worthy is the Lamb that was slain. Amen.	Chorale